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(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 CANTON, December 3.

The S. S. Fatshan case was settled yesterday by the Portuguese watchman being acquitted of the charge of manslaughter.

The evidence was very conflicting; only one Chinese boy could give any definite information and before he was finished he had told about three different stories. The evidence of Dr. Davenport proved that the deceased had died of natural causes.

NEW TYPHOON SIGNAL STATION.

Speaking at the Legislative Council meeting on Thursday afternoon, with regard to the establishment of a new wireless telegraphic station for signalling the approach of typhoons, His Excellency The Governor said:—Before proceeding with the business of the day I desire, with the permission of the Council, to make a statement for the information of the public. Last year when introducing the estimates I pledged myself to give special attention to the question of the efficiency of our typhoon signals and this year, on a similar occasion, I informed the Council what I had been able to do. On August 6th also I stated that the Commander-in-Chief of the South China Station had consented to communicate by wireless telegraphy any atmospheric disturbances which His Majesty's warships cruising in surrounding waters might be able to report. The great desideratum, however, was that there should be an observation station somewhere to the south east, the direction from which most typhoons come. I accordingly wrote to the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands—the islands in that channel being American territory—suggesting to him that information from that quarter would be of great value both to Manila and ourselves. I desire to read to you the very courteous reply which I have received from him:—

MANILA, November 17.
 Your Excellency—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 16th, and in reply I must say that I am much impressed with what your Excellency urges in favour of the establishment of a wireless station at Santo Domingo de Basco. I have taken up the matter with the Postal Authorities who are charged with the duty of making all insular telegraphic installations, and hope that they may have sufficient money available to carry into effect the project suggested by your Excellency. If there is no money available for the purpose, I shall apply for an appropriation to the Legislature at its next session.
 With assurances of my most distinguished consideration,—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Excellency's very obedient servant.

(Sd) JAMES F. SMITH,
 Governor-General.
 The establishment of a wireless station at Santo Domingo is, I am assured by our own director—and we have seen by a communication published by the American Consul-General that it is also the view of the director of the Manila Observatory—will be of incalculable value to us. Therefore I am most glad to be able to inform the Council that there is every prospect of its being established. I will also mention one other matter. I have arranged with the Telegraph Company, at a very small cost, that during the prevalence of any typhoons likely to strike this island, more frequent telegrams should be exchanged.—
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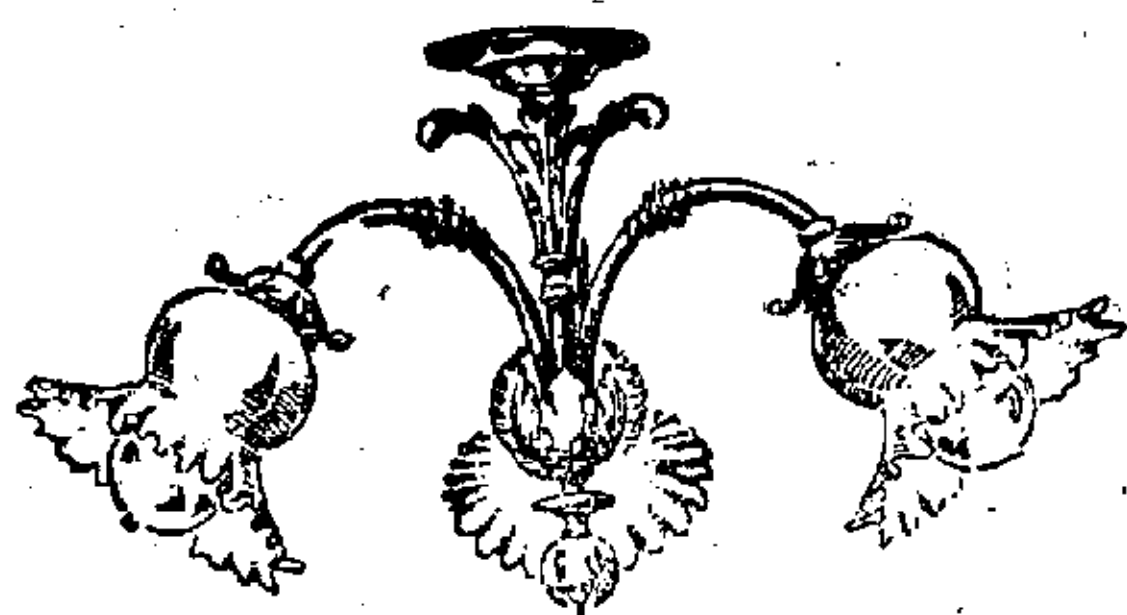
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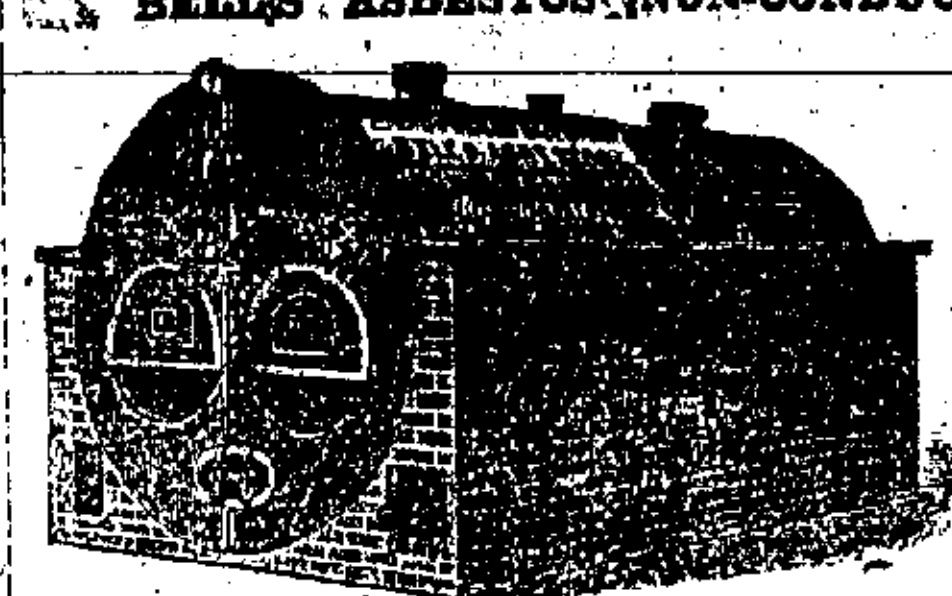
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Hon. Secretary.

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T. CHEE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 2, 1908.

HONGKONG APPEAL COURT.**Emphatic Protest by Chief
Justice.**

Correspondence regarding the Con-
stitution of the Appeal Court at Hongkong
was laid on the table at the Legislative
Council meeting yesterday afternoon. It
was as follows:—

Chambers, Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 29th September, 1908.
Sir, I have read the remarks which
Your Excellency made in Council on Thurs-
day last on the subject of the third Judge
with surprise and regret; and I must enter
a very respectful but emphatic protest
against Your Excellency's view as reported
in the newspapers, that "the existing
Appeal Court must necessarily be a farce,"
and that this view is supported by the
Chief Justice. The public expression of
such a view is calculated to do the gravest
harm to the prestige of the Supreme Court
in the eyes not only of Europeans but also
of the Chinese.

That the constitution of the Appeal
Court is extraordinary in so wealthy a
Colony as Hongkong is a fact which I have
always admitted: that it is anomalous,
that it deserves the strongest hostile
criticism, may also be conceded. But that
it is a farce for this implies that the Chief
Justice is obstinately tenacious of his own
opinions, and that he will never change
them whatever new arguments may be
advanced on the appeal. Such an idea is
contrary to the high—and they are very
high—traditions of the British Bench to
which I have the honor to belong.

I know that the idea to which Your
Excellency gave expression was current in
the Colony, and I took occasion some time
ago in Court to say that the constitution of
the Appeal Court being what it was I
conceived it to be my duty to make the
best of it, and I assured the profession
that I came to the hearing of an appeal
with a mind absolutely free and treated it so
far as possible as a new case. Only recently
I said with the same object in view that a
Judge is always assumed to have the honesty
necessary to reverse his own decision if, on
further argument, it is shown to be wrong.
A second argument often puts things
in a new light, and points often occur
to one which did not present themselves
on the first. A second argument and a
second judgment upholding the first may
lead to a clearer appreciation of the law,
and prevent an appeal to the Privy
Council. Although it has not happened
up to the present that I have had occasion
to reverse a judgment I have given, on
minor points I have frequently had occasion
to change my views, and I can quite con-
ceive the possibility of my doing so on a
crucial issue.

I am at the present time engaged in
preparing a judgment on an important
appeal; it took many days to argue in the
Full Court; the writing of the judgment
will probably take 10 full mornings' work,
of at least four hours a day, and though
I am now half way through I have not the
remotest idea what the ultimate judgment
will be. It is not impossible that this
judgment may prevent the case going to
the Privy Council. Your Excellency will
agree that when so much care is given to
appeals the word "farce" is hardly applic-
able; and it is the more unfortunate that
such an expression of opinion should have
fallen from Your Excellency while a judg-
ment in an appeal case is pending. I must
confess that I should not like to deliver a
judgment even on a small matter which was
deemed to be given in final conditions.
I think therefore that Your Excellency will
must have been caused by the remark at
some future sitting of Council.

The report of Your Excellency's speech
also says that you have, like Your
Excellency's predecessor, found the general
opinion to be that except for the purposes
of an Appeal Court, a third Judge is not
immediately required. I think it my duty
to point out to Your Excellency that I
know no one who is familiar with the work-
ing of the Court who is of that opinion.
The fact is that the pressure of the last few
months has been so great that we had
arrived almost at breaking point, and
this is by no means the first time. If
I had been laid up for over 3 days
with influenza, the whole work of the
Court would have been dislocated to
the great inconvenience of suitors. I
can only add that I was in hopes that the
Government would show some slight con-
sideration for myself. I have, &c.

F. T. PIERCE, Chief Justice.
His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard,
K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong.

Government House,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1908.

Sir, In reply to your letter of yester-
day's date I have the honor to inform you
that I did not use the word "farce" in con-
nection with the existing Appeal Court of
this Colony. I spoke deliberately and
I am correctly reported by the South China
Morning Post as having used the word
"unsatisfactory." I was so anxious to
make it plain to the Council that I
intended no reflection whatever upon the
Court, but only criticism of its Constitution,
in the way you have yourself criticized
it, that I added further explanatory words
(which have been omitted by the Reporters)

to the following effect: "It is no less un-
satisfactory to the Chief Justice himself
than to litigants for if he reverses his
former decision after hearing fuller evi-
dence, more especially if this should
occur more than once, he may lay himself
open to the imputation that he does not
know his own mind, and that his judgment
is influenced by his fancy. If on the other hand he

confirms his former decisions it may be
alleged that the Appeal is a farce." These
words used by me in this connection, I
think Your Honour will agree with me
that it would be difficult to select words
which would more completely dispose of
the interpretation conveyed in your second
paragraph. The only authentic report,
the Colonial Hansard, has already been
revised in this sense. I regret to note
from the last sentence of Your Honour's
letter that you still remain under the
erroneous impression which I have so
frequently and with such apparent ill
success, endeavored to remove, that the
Government is disposed to show no con-
sideration towards yourself. I have, &c.,
F. D. LUGARD, Governor, &c., &c.
His Honour The Chief Justice.

Chambers, Supreme Court,

Hongkong, 29th September, 1908.

Sir, I am much obliged for the cour-
teous information conveyed in Your Ex-
cellency's letter of the 28th instant inform-
ing me of the actual words used by Your
Excellency in your speech in Council on
the subject of the constitution of the Full
Court. The China Mail and the Daily
Press reported it in the way in which I
referred to it in my letter; and it seems to
me probable that the reporters jumped from
the beginning of Your Excellency's remarks
to the end, seizing on the words "the
appeal is a farce" as making good copy. I
much regret to inform Your Excellency
that the words actually used in your speech
are open to the same objection that I have
already expressed to Your Excellency, and
are entirely at variance with the traditions
of the Bench. No one who is familiar with
the work of a Judge could suggest that if
after hearing fuller evidence in a case or in
several cases, the Chief Justice reversed his
former decision he did not know his own
mind, because it may be precisely this fuller
information (which on appeal is fuller
argument, and rarely fuller evidence) which
has made the case plainer than it was on
the first hearing when this information was
not forthcoming. Nor could there be any
"innuendo" to the effect that he has
been influenced by his Junior. The Chief
Justice is only *primus inter pares*. The
Full Court as at present constituted
enables the Chief Justice to have the as-
sistance of the Puisne Judges; discussion
on abstract legal questions often makes
points clearer than they were when first
dealt with by one Judge. And for the
reasons given in my former letter the fact
that the Chief Justice with the assistance
of the Puisne Judges confirms his former
decision cannot, in any circumstances render
the appeal a farce.

The defects of the present system are
patent; but with much respect, they are
not those which Your Excellency has
pointed out. And the emphasis which has
been laid upon them by Your Excellency
cannot fail to be very detrimental to the
prestige of the Court among both Euro-
peans and Chinese, which it has been my
constant aim to maintain at the highest
level.

With reference to the last paragraph of
the letter under reply Your Excellency is
always very good in assuring me that my
opinion is not well-founded when I say
that the Government shows no considera-
tion to the Chief Justice. I can only say
that 34 years experience does not bear out
Your Excellency's courteous intentions.
The question is one which I have very
much at heart, and so long as I am Chief
Justice of the Colony I shall continue to
do so. Let me put to Your Excellency
two instances which will explain my
meaning.

For 2 years I have pointed out that the
Chief Justice has to do the work of
two Judges. Acting on information
which was never submitted to me
Sir practically informed the Secretary
of State that this was not a fact.
I have at last through Your Excellency's
courtesy been shown this information, and
have pointed out that it was inaccurate
from beginning to end. I have received
no answer, so that I must assume that my
opinion is disregarded. Even the carefully
drawn-up Tables which I had prepared
and which support my statement have elicited
no comment. Even as one
Judge doing the work of two at certain
periods of the year I have to work
"double tides" to get through the work.
One of such periods which has covered the
last 3 or 4 months is just over; and yet
Your Excellency has informed the Council
in spite of my re-iterated opinion that there
is no immediate necessity for a third Judge.
The effect of this on my mind can only be
that the opinion of the Government is that
I only want a third Judge appointed to
save myself work. Surely Your Excellency
will agree that this is a case of want of
consideration for the Chief Justice.

Let me take another case. There was a
suggestion in one of Your Excellency's
letters that an Appeal Court could be
formed with the assistance of the Judge of
Shanghai. I learn from Your Excellency's
speech in Council that the suggestion has
been forwarded to the Secretary of State
in the concrete form that the Judge of
Shanghai should come to Hongkong
to sit as an Appeal Judge twice a
year. If Your Excellency had asked my
opinion before sending this suggestion
forward, I should have pointed out the
difficulties in the way of making the scheme
effective, and the inconveniences which
must result from it: that Judges must
be made in the law just Code of Procedure,
and that it can only work by most seriously
hampering the other business of the Court.
This quite apart from the recent objec-
tions to the scheme.

But the scheme has apparently been
approved at home, and I shall have to work
(Continued on Page 3.)

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As is the case of the third Judge, the
opinion of people who knew little or nothing
of the matter was held of more weight
than mine, so here, when as is inevitable,
I point out the unworkable nature of the
scheme as sent from home, I shall probably
be told that others think differently.
Your Excellency will think agree with
me that I have some cause for the view I
have so frequently expressed that little
consideration is paid to the Chief Justice's
opinion in matters relating to the admini-
stration of justice.—I have, &c.,
F. T. PINCHOT, Chief Justice.

His Excellency
Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of Hongkong.
Government House,
Hongkong, 8th October, 1908.
Sir—I regret to learn from your letter
of September 29th, that my explanation
of the actual words used by me in reference
to the Court of Appeal and which I had
believed would entirely dispose of Your
Honour's cause of protest have not had
that result.
Your Honour contends that "no one who
is familiar with the work of a Judge"
could contribute to him any but the highest
motives when hearing an Appeal, what-
ever his decision might be. But the words
used by me—"imposed" and "alleged"—
made it I had hoped plain clear that I was
not referring to well informed persons but
to disappointed litigants and imper-
sonable critics. I expressed in fact only
the views which I have understood your-
self and Mr Justice Wise to have
affirmed. The words of the letter in this
connection (forwarded to me as an en-
closure in Your Honour's letter of the 29th
February, 1908) were:—"As at present
constituted the Appeal Court consists of
the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge,
from one of whom the appeal necessarily
lies, and the Chief Justice has a casting
vote. The result is that anyone who has
the money will appeal against the decision
of the Puisne Judge (in consequence of the
casting vote) but that not one will appeal
against a decision of the Chief Justice
unless he intends to carry the case to the
Privy Council."
In reply to your third paragraph I can
only repeat the statement made by me in
my observations on the Estimates after
giving due prominence to the fact that
Your Honour held the view that a Third
Judge was necessary to cope with the work
of the Supreme Court,—that after
consulting those best qualified to advise me
I considered the weight of opinion was in
favour of the view that a Third Judge was
not immediately necessary, but I hoped
that when the new Courts were finished
the Colony would be in a position to incur
the expense involved. Your Honour was
as you cordially admit informed of the
arguments which had been adduced in fully
connection and had an opportunity of fully
disposing of them. Your letters were for-
warded to the Secretary of State and you
were so informed, and I am therefore at a
loss to know what further reply you ex-
pected, the absence of which leads you to
the conclusion that your opinion is dis-
regarded. So soon as the reply of the
Secretary of State is received it will be
of course be communicated to you, but in the
meantime I presume from the telegram
(which I at once sent to you on receipt)
that after a perusal of the correspondence
he has adhered to his former view that the
appointment of a Third Judge can be tem-
porarily deferred. In this matter which
you select as a flagrant instance that the
local Government "shows no consideration
to the Chief Justice", I can find no possi-
ble grounds for such a conclusion.
We are all agreed that the appointment
of a Third Judge would be most desirable,
—but it is my duty to examine the com-
parative urgency of a number of extremely
desirable requirements in relation to the
finances of the Colony—and I have come
to the conclusion so far as my personal
view is concerned (the final decision resting
with the Secretary of State after perusing
Your Honour's arguments and the Tables
to which you refer) that in the coming
year the Colony cannot afford a Third
Judge. Provision has, however, been
made for a Deputy Official Receiver on
Your Honour's recommendation.
As regards the second case cited, I did
make the suggestion regarding the Shang-
hai Judge in my letter to Your Honour of
8th February last. I did not go into it in
detail until I could hear from the Sec-
retary of State as to whether the idea was
possible since Your Honour had stated that
you considered it to be out of the question
for a Foreign Office Judge to come here
unless there were reciprocity, which was
impossible. At your desire I have called
to the Secretary of State to inform him
that you would wish to express an opinion
regarding the working of the scheme before
its details are decided.
I have replied at some length to the
concrete instances brought forward by
Your Honour in support of your view that
"little consideration is paid to the opinion
of the Chief Justice in matters affecting
the administration of justice" but I fear
that it is beyond my power to remove what
appears to have become an *idée fixe* in your
mind.—I have, &c.,
F. T. PINCHOT, Governor, &c.
His Honour
The Chief Justice.

Chambers, Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 28th October, 1908.
Sir—I much regret to find on perusing
Your Excellency's speech on the second
reading of the Appropriation Ordinance on
Thursday, 25th October, that Your Excellency
did not take the opportunity of expressing
the impression left on the readers of some
of the reports of Your Excellency's speech
that in your view appeal to the Privy Council
at all (present) constituted such a heavy
burden that for the reasons and with

the materials which I had supplied to Your
Excellency in my letters on the subject
some allusion would have been made to the
subject.
Your Excellency's remarks, as published
in the papers, are as I have already
pointed out in my letter of 29th September
calculated to undo the work which I have
done in promoting confidence in the Full
Court in spite of its admittedly un-
satisfactory constitution. Very shortly the
Full Court will have to deliver important
judgments in a case on appeal from my
decision at *vis prima*, which has been
argued before that great length. It may be
that I shall differ from the Puisne Judge; it
may be that I shall maintain my former
opinion; but as to both of these questions
the matter is still under consideration.
But should those things happen the sugges-
tion engendered in the popular mind by the
report of Your Excellency's speech, and
especially in that of the disappointed
litigant, will inevitably be that the appeal
has been a farce. I should therefore be
obliged if Your Excellency would say the
court records of the Colony and I do not
think that the appeal to the Privy Council
is a serious matter, and not as a farce.
I note what Your Excellency says on the
subject in your letter of 2 of your letter of the
6th October; but I regret that I cannot
agree with it. I do not think that the
remarks actually made by Your Excellency
are calculated to promote confidence in
the Court for the public, as no one except
members of Council see the local *Herald*.
—I have, &c.,
F. T. PINCHOT, Chief Justice.

His Excellency
Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., Gov-
ernor of Hongkong.
Government House,
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1908.
Sir—I have the honour to acknowledge
your letter of October 28th, having re-
ference to the words used by me in a
speech regarding the constitution of the
Full Court. I am anxious to meet Your
Honour's wishes as far as seems, to me
practicable, but since, as you point out,
the members of the Council already
have the corrected version of what
I said before them, I have decided to
submit the matter to the public in the
form of a separate paper. Your
Honour is anxious as I understand that
it should be made known that I did not
in original form for partial and favour-
able return a private letter I have just received
from Sir H. de Saumarez together with a
copy of the despatch from the Secretary of
State dated 18th September, 1908. I
personally agree with the view expressed
by Sir H. de Saumarez.—I have, &c.,
F. D. LOGAN, Governor, &c.
His Honour
The Chief Justice.

Chambers, Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 4th November, 1908.
Sir—I have the honour to acknowledge
Your Excellency's letter of 2nd November
on the subject of Your Excellency's remarks
in Council on the present constitution of
the Full Court.
I fear that the publication in the news-
papers of the remarks actually used by
Your Excellency would do more harm than
good; for whereas the words as reported
might have been looked upon as an un-
fortunate slip, had the impression created
by them been corrected at a subsequent
sitting of the Council, the publication of
the remarks actually made by Your Ex-
cellency would seem to indicate that they
embodied, as I fear they do, Your
Excellency's opinion on the question.
With regard to laying the correspondence
on the Table of the Council, Your Ex-
cellency forgets that one of the principal
objects of the practice is to make the papers
of the Council a public document, and
that the actual words used by me when
addressing the Council on the subject of
the proposed change of justice may fittingly
be laid upon the Table.
I propose to deal with the matter refer-
red to in the second paragraph of the letter
under reply in a separate letter.—I have,
&c.,
F. T. PINCHOT, Chief Justice.

His Excellency
Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., Gov-
ernor of Hongkong.
Government House,
Hongkong, 16th November, 1908.
Sir—I have the honour to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of November 4th in
which you inform me that my proposal to
cause the actual words used by me when
addressing the Council on the subject of
the proposed change of justice to be pub-
lished in the local Press will not meet your
views.
In deference to your opinion as Chief
Justice that the remarks made by me may
be prejudicial to the administration of
justice I have directed that this correspon-
dence shall be laid on the Table of the
Legislative Council as you desire. But I
do not propose to include the enclosure to
the Secretary of State's despatch, or the
private letter to me from Sir H. de Saum-
arez which raise a separate issue.—I
have, &c.,
F. D. LOGAN, Governor, &c.
His Honour
The Chief Justice.

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THE APPEAL COURT QUESTION.

We think it a thousand pities that the Chief Justice of Hongkong should have insisted on the publication of the correspondence lately passing between himself and His Excellency the Governor regarding the Appeal Court question. The very object which Sir FRANCIS PIGOTT professes to be so anxious to secure, the preservation of the dignity and honour of the Court over which he presides from any possible slur or disparagement, has really been defeated by the printing of the letters. Sir FREDERICK LUGARD in his remarks before the Legislative Council, though inadvertently reported by ourselves at the time, voiced the general opinion of the community. His Excellency was not then criticising individuals but the constitution of an institution, an institution which has been a source of dissatisfaction to the business and professional men of Hongkong for a very long time. Sir FRANCIS, however, seems to have taken the remarks as applying personally, a most unfortunate misconception for one in his exalted position, and in the course of the various letters raises many points in self-defence, all of which were quite unnecessary and entirely beside the original point. Hongkong in the present state of her public purse cannot afford the cost of a third Judge, and the solution of the Appeal Court difficulty which Sir

FREDERICK LUGARD has arrived at the calling in from Shanghai of one of H.B.M.'s Supreme Court Judges to sit with the Hongkong Bench twice a year, was most acceptable to the Colony and we believe to the legal profession. At any rate it had the supreme merit of being a practical, commonsense exit from a situation which, with all due respect to the learned Chief Justice, was more or less farcical. We need not enlarge upon the point, for the question is one which has been keenly debated in the Colony, its pros and cons carefully discussed by all interested in the public well being of Hongkong. Personalities did not enter into these discussions, it was simply the institution which was under fire, just as in the case of Sir FREDERICK LUGARD's remarks, and as an institution our present Appeal Court system was condemned at the bar of public opinion. The publication of the correspondence, however, will inevitably lead to a fresh discussion of the subject in a new and, we fear, unpleasant aspect, and before we are through with it we shall be rueing the day when someone temporarily forgot the truth stored up the old adage that it is well to let sleeping dogs lie.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship Kame Maru, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at the above Godowns at Hongkong and Kowloon.

Goods will be delivered from alongside the Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, T-day.

Goods not cleared before the 10th Dec., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within seven days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 3, 1908. 1655

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship Japan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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